

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322  
MINUTES OF MEETING – January 3, 2012

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at the Township Municipal Building Rte 715, Brodheadsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Dave Fleetwood (Vice-Chairman), Chris Eckert (Supervisor), David Albright (Township Manager), and Cathy A. Martinelli (Office Manager), Atty. Joseph P. McDonald and Engineer Chris McDermott.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was recited at the start of reorganization meeting.

**Public Comment.**

Resident Leon Clark:

- Asked Cathy about a report for a seminar she attended last August.
- Asked who does the audit for an executive session.
- Noted Resident Al Bourke told him his questioning was academic, he wanted to let us know it is not academic he just does it to inform the public.

**Executive Session.** Was held on 12/20/11 on a possible litigation issue.

**Parks.** Bernie Kozen was present to report the following:

- BINGO 1/27 6:30 pm
- Sled Riding 1/28 11am-1pm @ PVI
- Pine Cone Bird Feeders 2/25 10am-noon
- Philadelphia Flower Show 3/5 7:30am-6pm

**Miscellaneous:**

Regional Park Phase 1- MCCD approved waiting for DCNR

Easement Monitoring – all properties complete – Reports to be forwarded to the Township

Discount ski tickets (all area resorts)

**Historical Society.** Next meeting is 2/15/12 @ 7pm at the Park Building.

Also Chris Eckert gave Mr. Thody an article from the Township News on Milestone Celebrations.

**Emergency Services.** Chris Eckert filled in for Don Zipp and reported the following:

**Ambulance Calls**

In December - 127

**Fire Department**

In December – 99

Note-5 calls year to date caused by burning barrel

**Pennsylvania State Police** 284 calls for service in Township in December including:

- 1 Fatal pedestrian collision
- 1 Fugitive arrest

- 1 sexual assaults
  - 1 Accidental Shooting
  - 8 DUI arrests
  - 32 Motor Vehicle crashes
- 2011 Total calls for State Police 3,417

**Minutes.** On motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Chris Eckert it was voted to approve the minutes of the December 6<sup>th</sup> Supervisor meeting and December 20<sup>th</sup> Special meeting, as distributed. (3-0)

**Correspondence.** None

**Old Business.**

**Bonser Drive update.** Engineer McDermott gave a brief history and a report on the soil conditions on Ms. Moralas property when he and SEO Helen Beers did a deep soil probe on site, after the Township received a hold harmless agreement from Ms. Moralas. She was the only person to give permission to go on site for an evaluation of the soils. Engineer McDermott said the bottom layer found clay like soil, which does not have good infiltration qualities. We should look further down the street with the permission of property owners. SEO Beers said they went 84” and the soils were very poor. Ms. Moralas voiced her concerns and frustration regarding this ongoing problem and reminded everyone of the pipe that was supposed to be installed by the developer 30 years ago. Ms. Moralas asked if there were any grants available. Engineer McDermott explained the process; it is not that easy to find a grant, a lot of preliminary work must be done first with cost estimates so we know what we are talking about. Dave Fleetwood said we need cooperation from all the residents in the area if we are going to come up with viable options. A lengthy discussion ensued. On motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Chris Eckert it was voted to have Dave and/or Cathy try to contact the three property owners again and Mr/Mrs. Sottile as well as any others that Engineer McDermott may deem necessary to see if they will allow us to go on their property to check the soils. The property owner’s must sign a hold harmless agreement before we will go on their property. This is purely investigative no decisions have been made or can be made until we have further soil information. (3-0)

**Warner Road Bridge project-authorization to bid.** The bid packet is ready for advertising. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to authorize the bidding. (3-0)

**911 Ordinance # 2011-03 Amendment.** It has come to Dave Albright’s attention that a correction needs to be made in the 911 Ordinance. He suggested to the Board we remove on page 3 of 6 Section C “Sign Specifications” Item #1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence “The maximum area of the sign shall be a margin of not less than one half (½) inch and not more than two (2) inches measured from the edge of the sign to the outer edge of the side of any number closest to the edge.” A brief discussion ensued and on motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to hold a hearing on February 21, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. (3-0) Resident Leon Clark objected to this Ordinance and Resident Stuart Thody said this is so minor we don’t need to have a hearing.

**New Business.**

Cancel January 17<sup>th</sup> Supervisor meeting-Bill pay & Kinsley LOC release only January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30am. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to cancel the Supervisors meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup> and to hold a bill pay and a request from Kinsley to release funding from their Letter of Credit on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. No other business will come before the Board. (3-0)

Cancel February 7<sup>th</sup> Supervisor meeting-hold a work session at 7:00 pm on the emergency access gate issue and hold a bill pay on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. No other business to come before the Board. On motion made by Dave Fleetwood, seconded by Chris Eckert it was voted to cancel the regular supervisors meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> and hold a work session that same night at 7:00 p.m. on the IML/BHE emergency access gate and hold a bill pay meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. No other business to come before the Board. (3-0) Mr. Thody objected to this, thought it was only for the Board of Directors of each Association. Chuck reminded him it is a public work session and anyone can attend. No decisions can be made.

PSATS Supervisor Convention May 6-9. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to authorize the 3 Supervisors, Office Manager and Township Manager and spouses to attend if they would like. (3-0)

Recess for 10 minutes at 8:37pm.

Out of Recess at 8:47 pm.

2012 Fee Schedules. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to adopt the 2012 Fee Schedules via Resolution 2012-2 (3-0) shown as:

- Exhibit A – Chestnuthill Township Schedule of Fees
- Exhibit B - Lehigh Valley Inspection Service Schedule of Fees
- Exhibit C – Sewage Enforcement Schedule of Fees
- Exhibit D – Park Fees

**Bills.** On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to pay the General Fund bills. (3-0)

**Plans.**

**Regency Plaza** (Preliminary Plan) Atty. Marshall Anders was present along with Engineer Eric Snyder and Steve Gitch. Atty Anders said this preliminary plan application is entitled to conditional approval; the Board should take some action tonight. Several issues were outstanding such as dumpster placement, sidewalks and planning module. A lengthy discussion ensued on further soil testing for the planning module. SEO Helen Beers will not sign off on the soil suitability of the site without further testing, as the old tests were done in the 1980's. It was agreed to put the dumpster placement and sidewalks on the plan as well as do the further required testing and put some form of denitification system in the sewage system. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to table this plan tonight. (3-0)(Plan date 3/2/09)(Accepted 3/18/09)(open ended waiver) (Rev. 8/4/09, 10/5/09, 9/2/11)

**Kal-Tac Inc.** (Land Development Plan/Reverse Subdivision Plan) Effort Associates. On motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Chuck Gould it was voted to table this plan. (3-0) (Plan date 8/2003) (**open ended waiver**)

**Planning Module Approval.** None.

**Public Comment.**

Resident Leon Clark. Asked if we sent anyone to the Monroe County Commissioners meeting on their budget. We did not. Any resident who is interested is welcome to attend themselves.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, on motion made by Chris Eckert, seconded by Dave Fleetwood it was voted to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Martinelli  
Recording Secretary